



CONGRATULATIONS to our 8th Grade Students!

*Two weeks from now, they will have their own moment of ascension, a moment of goodbye.
I am very proud of them.*

This is my personal letter to the graduates of 2020!

Dear graduates,

This year graduation is very unique and very different! There is a historical dimension attached to it! This is our first with our wonderful principal Mrs. Natalie Lenz-Acuna. With Coronavirus crisis still hovering over us, things will not be the same! However, I am very grateful to our principal, the teachers and to your parents for their wonderful cooperation in trying to put together a graduation ceremony to mark this moment of your passage.

You are embarking on a new chapter in your life bringing with you so many memories. I hope that those memories are moments of joy and inspiration.

I am very proud of you. I have seen you grow into very independent and responsible young ones. As you go from here and cross another bridge in your journey, you will face many challenges and difficulties, as well as moments of discovery and celebration. You will have your many ups and downs. As your lives move along, there are disappointments but there are also hopes and promises that you look forward to. During those moments of despair and isolation, I hope that you will remain faithful to our God who is the source of wisdom and knowledge. Go back to those beautiful memories that you had here at St. Joseph School. Follow the example of the apostles! In their journey after the ascension of our Lord, amidst the challenges of life and of being apostles, they remained steadfast in their faith, always recalling their many joyful moments as they went out to proclaim the good news of the kingdom. Know that the community of St. Joseph's, your family here, will be praying for you in your search for beauty and wonder.

Always create an environment of humility, trust, joy, thanksgiving, peace and love. In a world that is filled with despair and isolation and division, be witnesses of hope and freedom and reconciliation. Continue to pass on the baton of good news to all generations. I trust that in God's providence and grace, you will come to the place where you want to be. GIVE US TOMORROW!"

Again, thank you for your continued support and love for our parish community! Through your prayers and support, we continue to float through the harsh waters of life! With strength of our faith and from God's abiding love, we will come to the shores of hope and celebration!

ONE WORLD! ONE NATION! ONE COMMUNITY OF FAITH! Together WE WILL RISE AGAIN!

*In Christ,
Fr. Geoffrey*

